

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A user interface for providing instructional information, comprising:
instructional text describing a plurality of steps to perform a task; and
5 a plurality of alternative media indicators, each of the plurality of
alternative media indicators associated with one or more of the plurality of
steps and selectable to cause presentation of an alternative media
presentation instructing performance of the associated one or more of the
plurality of steps.
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2. A user interface according to Claim 1, wherein a first of the
alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the
plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is
associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a
15 third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first
one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the
plurality of steps.
3. A user interface according to Claim 2, wherein each of the plurality
20 of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.
4. A user interface for providing instructional information, comprising:
a search interface for allowing input of search terms, for presenting a
plurality of search results, and for allowing selection one of the plurality of
25 search results; and
an instructional interface for presenting instructional text and an
alternative media indicator associated with an alternative media presentation,
wherein, after selection of the one of the plurality of search results, the
plurality of search results and the instructional interface are presented
30 simultaneously, the simultaneously presented instructional interface

comprising instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of search results.

5. A user interface according to Claim 4, wherein selection of another one of the plurality of search results causes the instructional interface to present instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the another one of the plurality of search results simultaneously with presentation of the plurality of search results.

6. A user interface according to Claim 4, wherein the instructional text comprises a plurality of steps to perform a task.

7. A user interface according to Claim 6, wherein the instructional interface presents a plurality of alternative media indicators.

8. A user interface according to Claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with one or more of the plurality of steps.

9. A user interface according to Claim 8, wherein selection of one of the alternative media indicators causes presentation of an alternative media presentation, the alternative media presentation instructing performance of the associated one or more of the plurality of steps.

10. A user interface according to Claim 9, wherein a first of the alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the plurality of steps.

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11. A user interface according to Claim 9, wherein each of the plurality of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.

5 12. An apparatus for providing instructional information, comprising:
 an output device for presenting information;
 an input device for receiving information;
 a processor; and
 a memory storing processor-executable process steps,
 10 wherein the processor executes the processor-executable process
 steps: to present, using the output device, instructional text describing a
 plurality of steps to perform a task, and a plurality of alternative media
 indicators, each of the plurality of alternative media indicators associated with
 one or more of the plurality of steps; to receive, using the input device, a
 15 selection of one of the plurality of alternative media indicators; and to present,
 using the output device, an alternative media presentation instructing
 performance of the one or more of the plurality of steps associated with the
 selected alternative media indicator.

20 13. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein a first of the
 alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the
 plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is
 associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a
 third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first
 25 one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the
 plurality of steps.

 14. An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality
 of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.

30 15. An apparatus for providing instructional information, comprising:

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an output device for presenting information;
 an input device for receiving information;
 a processor; and
 a memory storing processor-executable process steps,

5 wherein the processor executes the processor-executable process steps: to present, using the output device, a search interface for inputting search terms, for presenting a plurality of search results, and for allowing selection of one of the plurality of search results, and an instructional interface for presenting instructional text and an alternative media indicator
 10 associated with an alternative media presentation; to receive, using the input device, a selection of the one of the plurality of search results; and, after the selection is received, to present, using the output device, the plurality of search results and the instructional interface simultaneously, the simultaneously presented instructional interface comprising instructional text
 15 and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of search results.

16. An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the processor further executes the process steps:

20 to receive a selection of another one of the plurality of search results;
 and
 to present instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the another one of the plurality of search results in the instructional interface.

25 17. An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the instructional text comprises a plurality of steps to perform a task.

30 18 An apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the instructional interface presents a plurality of alternative media indicators.

19. An apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein each of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with one or more of the plurality of steps.

5 20 An apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the processor further executes the process steps:

to receive a selection of one of the alternative media indicators; and

10 to present an alternative media presentation, the alternative media presentation instructing performance of the associated one or more of the plurality of steps.

21. An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein a first of the alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is
15 associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the plurality of steps

20 22 An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein each of the plurality of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators

23. A method for providing instructional information, comprising:
presenting instructional text describing a plurality of steps to perform a
25 task, and a plurality of alternative media indicators, each of the plurality of alternative media indicators associated with one or more of the plurality of steps;

receiving a selection of one of the plurality of alternative media indicators; and

presenting an alternative media presentation instructing performance of the one or more of the plurality of steps associated with the selected alternative media indicator.

5 24. A method according to Claim 23, wherein a first of the alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first one or more
10 of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the plurality of steps

 25. A method according to Claim 24, wherein each of the plurality of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.
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 26. A method for providing instructional information, comprising:
 presenting a search interface for inputting search terms, for presenting a plurality of search results, and for allowing selection of one of the plurality of search results, and an instructional interface for presenting instructional text
20 and an alternative media indicator associated with an alternative media presentation;

 receiving a selection of the one of the plurality of search results, and
 presenting, after the selection is received, the plurality of search results and the instructional interface simultaneously, the simultaneously presented
25 instructional interface comprising instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of search results.

 27. A method according to Claim 26, further comprising:
 receiving a selection of another one of the plurality of search results;
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presenting instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the another one of the plurality of search results in the instructional interface.

5 28. A method according to Claim 27, wherein the instructional text comprises a plurality of steps to perform a task.

10 29. A method according to Claim 28, wherein the instructional interface presents a plurality of alternative media indicators.

15 30. A method according to Claim 29, wherein each of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with one or more of the plurality of steps.

20 31. A method according to Claim 30, further comprising:
receiving a selection of one of the alternative media indicators, and
presenting an alternative media presentation, the alternative media presentation instructing performance of the associated one or more of the plurality of steps.

25 32. A method according to Claim 31, wherein a first of the alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the plurality of steps.

30 33. A method according to Claim 31, wherein each of the plurality of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.

34. A computer-readable medium storing processor-executable process steps to provide instructional information, the process steps comprising:

5 a presenting step to present instructional text describing a plurality of steps to perform a task, and a plurality of alternative media indicators, each of the plurality of alternative media indicators associated with one or more of the plurality of steps;

a receiving step to receive a selection of one of the plurality of alternative media indicators; and

10 a presenting step to present an alternative media presentation instructing performance of the one or more of the plurality of steps associated with the selected alternative media indicator.

35. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 34, wherein a
15 first of the alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the
20 plurality of steps.

36. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 35, wherein each of the plurality of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.

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37. A computer-readable medium storing processor-executable process steps to provide instructional information, the process steps comprising:

30 a presenting step to present a search interface for inputting search terms, for presenting a plurality of search results, and for allowing selection of one of the plurality of search results, and an instructional interface for

presenting instructional text and an alternative media indicator associated with an alternative media presentation;

a receiving step to receive a selection of the one of the plurality of search results; and

5 a presenting step to present, after the selection is received, the plurality of search results and the instructional interface simultaneously, the simultaneously presented instructional interface comprising instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of search results.

10 38. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 37, the process steps further comprising:

a receiving step to receive a selection of another one of the plurality of search results; and

15 a presenting step to present instructional text and an alternative media indicator corresponding to the another one of the plurality of search results in the instructional interface.

20 39. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 38, wherein the instructional text comprises a plurality of steps to perform a task.

40. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 39, wherein the instructional interface presents a plurality of alternative media indicators.

25 41. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 40, wherein each of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with one or more of the plurality of steps.

30 42. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 41, the process steps further comprising:

a receiving step to receive a selection of one of the alternative media indicators, and

a presenting step to present an alternative media presentation, the alternative media presentation instructing performance of the associated one
5 or more of the plurality of steps.

43 A computer-readable medium according to Claim 42, wherein a first of the alternative media indicators is associated with a first one or more of the plurality of steps, wherein a second of the alternative media indicators is
10 associated with a second one or more of the plurality of steps, and wherein a third of the plurality of alternative media indicators is associated with the first one or more of the plurality of steps and with the second one or more of the plurality of steps.

44. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 42, wherein
15 each of the plurality of steps is associated exclusively with one of the alternative media indicators.

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